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ORAL QUESTION (O-172/82)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mrs BOOT, Mr ADONNINO, Mr von BISMARCK, Mr GHERGO,
Mr KLEPSCH, Mr MARCK, Mr MÜLLER-HERMANN, Mr NOTENBOOM
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(Christian-Democratic Group)

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: The opinion of the Commission concerning the
introduction of deregulated zones exempt from
taxes (so-called E, T and D zones)

1. What was the Commission's attitude towards the Irish
'Free Zone' and the British 'Enterprise Zones' created
in the past?
2. What criteria did the Commission use to assess the recent
Belgian proposals for T zones?
3. Does the Commission not believe that these localized
reliefs will distort and upset the establishment and
investment structure in the Community? In other words,
does it not see in these measures a (potential) disruption
of interstate trade and establishment?

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4. Does the Commission not believe that these T Zones should be assessed according to the same stringent criteria it applies to national aids?
5. Can the Commission explain how it arrived at its decision that the Belgian T Zones do not contravene Article 92 of the EEC Treaty?
6. Does the Commission not think that it would be preferable, in the interests of unity and equality in the common market, for initiatives aimed at reducing and simplifying government regulations to be taken on a global basis?
7. What does the Commission think in general of the deregulation approach? How does it view its macro-economic effects?
8. Is the Commission prepared to inform the European Parliament in the near future of the criteria it intends to use to assess national initiatives with the aim of preventing the distortion of competition within the common market as a result of selective and non-uniform deregulation by Member States?